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## IMPROVEMENTS ON C. & W. C. RY. CALL FOR RE-ALIGNMENT AT LAURENS?

Coming along with the official admission by Supt. Anderson of the C. & W. C. Ry., that many improvements are contemplated by that railroad, also comes a rumor that when the improvements are made a big change will be made in the alignment of the road at this point. It is understood, from reliable sources, that the C. & W. C. intends running a spur track from the vicinity of Watts Mills, clean around the eastern edge of the city to tap the present line again somewhere between Laurens and Menden. It is understood that this line will be used as a freight line, while the present line will be continued in use as a passenger line. The present station is to be used.

## THE CANTATA SAUL AN IMMENSE SUCCESS

A Large and Appreciative Audience Was Present at the Presentation Tuesday Evening and Gave Evidence of Sincere Enjoyment.

Perhaps the most artistic and, at the same time most appreciated, presentation of music in any form that has been made in Laurens in some time, was that last Tuesday evening, when the cantata "Saul" was sung by the Laurens Choral Society in the auditorium of the graded school building. The large building was filled to comfortable capacity and the attention was rapt throughout and the applause generous. After the concert congratulations were freely showered upon Mr. Hicks, the director, and the others who took part and the eager question was asked my many "When will you present it again?"

There were several members of the society whose work shone out clear and bright. This is not said in order to cast a shadow over the work of any of the others, for none in the entire production need have reason to feel the least disappointment over the part they took in it. Mr. John Hicks, as Saul, gave the most masterful presentation of his part of any of the entire company and his work was a revelation. Although Mr. Hicks' voice was a known quantity before the curtain was drawn, his magnificent execution of his part was a pleasant surprise to even those of his most ardent admirers. Not only was Mr. Hicks in splendid voice, but his dramatic action contributed largely to the success of the evening. A generous, spontaneous outburst of applause followed the singing of "Tis From the Heart" by Miss Annie Richey, who took the part of Abigail. She passed gently, lightly and clearly from the lowest bars on the scale to the very highest, and thrilled her audience with the sweetness of tone and precision of execution. Miss Richey took a prominent part in other portions of the program and her work was consistent throughout. Mrs. H. K. Aiken sang and acted splendidly the parts entrusted to her care, putting a great deal of zest and enthusiasm in the delineation of Michal, the daughter of Saul. The work of Mrs. Aiken can not be praised too highly, for she acted and sang her part faultlessly. Both in solo work and in concert, she sang beautifully and her clear contralto voice was a pleasure to listen to. Mr. Ed. Hicks, who took the part of David, and Mr. R. G. Franks, who sang Jonathan, acted and sang excellently and their work was thoroughly enjoyed. Although Mr. Franks suffered from a slight cold, his voice was unusually clear. Mr. Ed. Hicks sang his part with perfect freedom, showing beautiful control over his voice in lines that were very difficult. Miss Minnie Curry, as the Witch of Endor, and Mrs. W. P. Thomason, Mrs. J. H. Teague and Miss Jennie Shealy, as other witches, sang their parts well indeed.

The choruses showed the results of much work and thought. They kept excellent time and sang splendidly in unison and harmony. While it is not intended to detract from the men's chorus, it was admitted by most of those present that the ladies' chorus was in better form than the men's and that their work was equal to that of any chorus ever heard in this section.

The magnificent success of the entire performance is due in largest measure to the untiring work and musical talent of Mr. and Mrs. Chas.

It is also understood that a branch line will be run from the Greenville branch of the same road, leaving the present line between Laurens and Barksdale station, skirting the northern side of the city and tapping the mainline in the vicinity of the point where the other spur will leave it. In this way through freight to and from Greenville will make a complete circle around Laurens. The passenger trains will continue to come in as they do now.

Further, it is said that the lines running through the towns of Orr, Moore's Switzer and Woodruff will be changed considerably. How much change will be made is not known, but it is thought that it will be considerable.

## HAD FINE YEAR.

Home Trust Company and Enterprise Bank Stockholders receive Yearly Report.

At the annual meeting of the stockholders of the Home Trust Company yesterday the report of the officers was given and showed altogether a decidedly successful year. A dividend of 3-1-2 per cent payable February 15 was declared. Eight months ago the capital was increased to \$50,000 and therefore the showing made, while excellent, would have been even better under an entire year with its increased capital. The officers for the coming year are the same as for the past—N. B. Dial, president and C. H. Roper, Sec. and Treas. The following directors were elected: N. B. Dial, H. B. Kennedy, S. M. Wilkes, R. L. Gray, R. B. Fleming, C. E. Kennedy, J. B. Brooks and C. H. Roper.

**Enterprise Bank.**  
The stockholders of the Enterprise Bank held their regular annual meeting last week at which time a report for the year was given showing their usual prosperity. At this meeting it was voted to add \$1000 to the surplus, thereby making the total surplus for the bank \$21,000. The old officers and directors were re-elected.

**Mrs. Hannah Owings.**  
Mrs. Hannah Owings, wife of Mr. M. B. Owings, died at the home of her daughter, Mrs. W. M. Armstrong at Shiloh, January 26th after a long illness. She was 72 years old and was a member of Dials Methodist church, where she was laid to rest surrounded by a host of loving friends. Rev. J. P. Attaway conducted the services. She leaves seven living children: Messrs A. G. Owings, S. L. Owings, I. M. Owings, R. L. Owings, I. C. Owings; Mrs. W. H. Leak, of Alabama, and Mrs. W. H. Armstrong. One sister, Mrs. T. B. Campbell survives her. The children have the sympathy of the community in their bereavement.

## "Paid In Full."

Manager Lavender has secured for one performance the production "Paid In Full." This is the same company that is playing in the larger cities and doubtless is well worth going out to see. The company will be seen here next Monday evening, the curtain going up promptly at 8:30 o'clock. Seats are now on sale at the Palmetto Drug Company.

H. Hicks. Besides singing, as Samuel, perhaps the most difficult lines in the whole cantata, Mr. Hicks directed, both at practices and at the performance, the entire program. The training and direction of the principals and chorus was done by him and the precision with which the choruses were executed was due in large part to him. Mrs. Hicks' accompaniments were beautifully rendered and made it more the easier for the voices to blend and harmonize.

Although the house was filled, the small price of admission made the receipts smaller than would naturally be expected. A total of \$107.65 was taken in, expenses, such as the purchase price of books, rental, advertising, etc., amounting to around \$35.

An enjoyable aftermath of the performance Tuesday evening was the reception tendered the participants at the residence of Dr. and Mrs. J. H. Teague Friday evening, the Ladies Aid Society of the Methodist church, and the choir of the Presbyterian church being the hosts.

## NOTED SPEAKER COMING.

Head of Rescue Work in Salvation Army to Speak at Baptist Church Sunday Evening.

Union services, in which all the churches of the city will take part, will be held at the First Baptist church Sunday evening. The occasion is the visit of Mrs. Margaret Boville, who is head of the rescue work in the Salvation Army. Mrs. Boville will make an address which will doubtless prove very instructive and interesting. The services will begin at 7:30 o'clock. A large congregation is expected to be out to welcome her and to hear what she has to say.

Rev. Mr. Thayer has announced that the subject of his sermon Sunday morning will be "Do I Love Jesus?" The series on "The Hall of Fame" will be discontinued for awhile now.

## NUMBER OF SALES MADE.

Large Crowd in Town Monday and Land Brought Fairly Good Prices.

Monday was February salesday and the usual large crowd was in town. Several sales were made by the Judge of Probate and by the Clerk of Court, but no sales were made by the Sheriff. The following sales were made by the Judge of Probate:

By the executors of the estate of Mrs. Tabulah L. Jones: 1 acre in southern section of city of Laurens, sold in two plots, 1-2 acre to R. V. Irbby for \$385.00; 1-2 acre to R. V. Irbby for \$400.

Lot on Manning street, 60x180, sold to H. L. Roper for \$210.00. One half interest in two lots on Manning street 60x160 and 60x127 feet sold to O. B. Simmons for \$125.00.

Guy C. Pitts, executor, of Beubin C. Pitts vs. J. H. Pitts et al:

Lot in city of Clinton, fronting 68 feet on Musgrove street, sold to Guy C. Pitts for \$2,050.00.

Lot in city of Clinton, fronting 63 1-2 feet on Musgrove street, sold to P. M. Pitts for \$500.00.

Lot in city of Clinton, fronting 63 1-2 feet on Musgrove street, sold to J. D. Pitts for \$680.00.

In the case of E. Lee Pitts and W. M. Pitts vs. J. H. Pitts, P. M. Pitts, et al:

110 72-100 acres of Walter G. Pitts estate, sold to Mrs. Sue A. Pitts for \$1,150.00.

Clerk of Court John F. Bolt made one sale, that in the case of Winn vs. Winn, in which 100 acres were bought by J. B. Brooks for \$780.00.

## Addition to Committees.

By an oversight in the composing room, the committee appointed under the Rock Hill Plan for Saffletown No. 4 was unintentionally omitted in The Advertiser. Messrs. F. W. Little and George Pulley are the gentlemen named on that committee. They are requested by the county committee to take charge of the work in their school district.

## A NEW FIRM.

W. H. Hudgens & Co. Changes Hands and is now W. H. Dial & Co.

W. H. Hudgens & Company has been recently sold to a new firm, which will be known as W. H. Dial & Co. The new owners will continue to run a fancy grocery business in the stand formerly occupied by the old company. Messrs Hastings Dial and Cope Henderson will be in charge of the business.

## Unique Windows.

The two show windows of H. Terry's are very attractively and uniquely arranged this week. The window on the left is devoted to the ladies department and represents a ladies sewing circle in full swing. The right window is decorated in honour of a young gentleman, being arranged in a manner quite true to life. The windows were arranged by Mr. Nathan Richardson, Chairman of the Decoration Committee.

## Sample of Old Needlework.

Mr. N. P. Hellams was in the city yesterday and was showing around a sample of needlework done by "Aunt Jane" Bolt, when she was a child in school. The work is done on a piece of linen and is something that the little girl must have been proud of when finished. "Aunt Jane" is now 82 years of age and the work was done when she was 13 years old when she was going to Rabun Creek school on Garlington's Old Mill. She is now enjoying good health and this is a source of much pleasure to her hosts of young and old friends.

## MR. LAVENDER SELLS OUT

Popular Moving Picture Man Sells out to Mr. Buford Hart, of Gaffney, who has Taken Charge.

Mr. D. R. Lavender, who made so many friends for himself while here, has sold out his moving picture business to Mr. Buford Hart of Gaffney, and has returned to Newberry where he conducts a similar business. Mr. Hart has already moved to Laurens and has taken charge of the opera house. The prices 5 and 10 cents to all pictures, will be continued by Mr. Hart.

Thursday, Friday and Saturday of this week will be seen the famous talking pictures. These pictures are being received with packed houses elsewhere and doubtless will prove a strong attraction here. The talking pictures is a combination of pictures and a phonograph, the conversation of the actors being heard as the pictures progress.

Concerning Mr. Hart, The Gaffney Ledger has the following to say:

During the time that Mr. Hart has been in this city he has made many friends who will regret to see him leave. He has proven to be a valuable man to the Ledger and the best wishes of the publication and the people of Gaffney will go with him to his new home. It is probable that Mrs. Hart will remain in this city for a few weeks before going to Laurens.

## ONE REPORT SENT IN.

Mr. Sam Todd sends in Report of Cancellations from His District.

The following report of the meeting of his district in the interest of cotton reduction under the Rock Hill plan was sent in by Mr. Sam J. Todd:

Name	Planted 1911	To be Planted 1912
A. C. & J. L. Todd	50	32
G. W. Cunningham	22	22
J. C. Todd	28	28
E. L. Bennett	16	12
L. D. Hitch	85	75
J. R. Todd	35	35
C. Q. Holland	50	40
J. W. Blakely	50	50
Willie Chaney	22	20
R. L. Cole	24	24
S. J. Todd	22	22

Total 403 360

There are others that didn't attend our mass meeting, but I made inquiry as to what others would plant this year and I am satisfied that others will not plant any more to the plow than those who were present. Some that I know, will not plant as much. The general sentiment in this district is to reduce fertilizer. Will try to send in more names later.

All the above farmers that signed this are going to reduce their fertilizer.

Sam J. Todd,  
Clinton, Route No. 1.

## MRS. H. S. BLACKWELL VERY ILL.

News Received Yesterday From Columbia Where She is in Hospital.

The very sad news was received here yesterday that Mrs. H. S. Blackwell is critically ill in one of the Columbia hospitals. She had been visiting at her old home in Camden and was returning to Laurens, when at Columbia she became very sick. It was thought advisable to carry her to a hospital in Columbia.

## Taken Suddenly and Seriously Ill.

Mr. Arthur Rodgers, son of Mr. J. A. Rodgers of this city, who lives on his farm in the Shiloh section, was found in a stupor at his home Monday morning. For the remainder of the day and all through yesterday, his life was despaired of, but at the time that this paper went to press last night his condition was unknown. It is thought that he was attacked with ptomaine poison as a result of eating faulty canned goods. Being very popular among a large circle of friends, many were apprehensive of his condition yesterday afternoon. His many friends hope that he will pass successfully through his sickness.

## D. A. R. Meeting.

The Daughters of the American Revolution will meet next Friday with Miss Will Lou Gray at her home on West Main street. The hour for the meeting is 3:30 o'clock and as there is to be held a very important business session every member is requested to attend. Those who will not attend are asked to notify the hostess.

## GENERAL ASSEMBLY WORK PROGRESSES

Appropriations Bill a Little Smaller This Year.

ANTI-RACING BILL NOW IN SENATE

Representative Edwards has Introduced a Bill to Create Five Agricultural Schools to be Managed Under the Board of Trustees of Clemson College.

(By J. Rutledge McGhee.)

Columbia, S. C., Feb. 5. (Special)—The work of the General Assembly which has progressed further this session than possibly at any other one will be crystallized this week in the many matters of state wide interest which are to come up, prominent among which is the appropriation bill annually submitted by the Ways and Means Committee of the House.

Lowndes J. Browning, chairman of this committee has been busy for the past many days shaping the several items of this all important measure. This year the bill will be a little less than last which indicates that the ways and means committee are on to the job in regard to the appropriations.

vastly affecting the people of this state. This bill will come up in the House possibly Tuesday or Wednesday, and it is likely that there will be some lively fight upon it, as regard the overriding of the governor's veto, at any rate, which if he carries out his consistency, he will veto as he did last year. Another bill of state wide interest which will come before the law makers in the senate side of the capitol this week is the anti-racing bill introduced by Mr. Osborne in the House with Mr. Erickman and Mr. Carlisle in the Senate. This bill passed in the house over a strong opposition with ease, and the outcome is awaited in the Senate. This bill will come up for debate Wednesday. The mileage bill is another one which means much of interest, and this also has passed the house and comes up in the senate this week. The vote in the house is something which gives an indication of its strength, but owing to the fact that people at home have such measures which mean more to them it is not unlikely that that local bill will crowd these two last measures out. The message of the governor in regard to the investigation of the Parker Cotton Mills Merger and a consequent bill to that effect was reported in the senate judiciary committee as not necessary of investigation. The governor charged the corporation as being a "trust." Mr. Parker appeared before the joint committees last week and was cheered upon the conclusion of his talk. The anti cigarette bill introduced by Senator Rainsford had quite an interesting fight in the senate but was killed.

Representative Davis of Barnwell has introduced a bill in the House which places the time limit upon the recording of wills six years instead of the law now upon the books which do not allow any time limit. A matter which will come up for attention this week will be of state wide interest is the matter of the appropriation amounting to some thirteen thousand dollars for a model prepared by Todd and Benson together with the architects drawing of the proposed additions to the state capitol. It will be remembered that last year Gov. Blease made certain recommendations in regard to the changing of the entrances to the state house. Mr. Todd is a member of the House and is also a member of the firm which drew up the extensive plans. Likely there will be some warm times coming up when the matter reaches the house from the committee room.

## Mr. Edwards School Bill.

Mr. Isaac Edwards, of Lexington, and by the way, one of the most influential members of that body, a man who has worked steadfastly for the interest of the people at all times, has introduced a bill which if passed will establish five agricultural schools to be managed under the Board of Clemson College trustees. The bills provides that the state be divided into five parts and a school be established in each such district. The bill has already reached second reading and will likely be called up by Mr. Edwards on Wednesday. The friends of the bill will advance the argument

## INTERESTING ITEMS FROM THE COUNTY

News Letters From Many Sections.

CORRESPONDENTS GIVE LOCAL NEWS

Happenings of Interest to Many People all over the County and to Those Who Have Left the Family Hearthstone and gone to Other States.

Cross Hill, Feb. 5.—Miss Pauline Turner of Cross Hill and Mr. Wm. G. Gray of Greenwood surprised their friends by getting married at Laurens last Monday. They were Cross Hill visitors last Wednesday.

Mr. Austin Latham of Greenwood, was here Sunday.

Dr. E. W. Plaxon is still at the hospital in Chester. Mrs. Plaxon came home last Friday and will return to Chester in a few days.

The next Exceon attraction will be the Van Winkle on February 10th. The young people are reading up on "Old Job" and no doubt will enjoy it hugely.

Messrs. R. W. Brown, C. R. Turner and J. B. Turner have dragged the road from the town limits to the Saluda river, about four miles. Mr. Sam Brown, who lives a few miles from town on the road to Chapin, has dragged the road near his home. It makes a wonderful improvement, and these gentlemen are to be commended for their public spirit, and we hope many others will do as they have done.

Through sleet and snow, rain and cold, Mr. Jim Coleman and Mr. Rufus Walker have gone their rounds as rural mail carriers, giving the people their mail on schedule time each day during the terrible weather we have had and only missed one day. The people ought certainly to appreciate such faithfulness.

The man who is too selfish to be willing to do anything for the public good in church, school, or town makes me think of the croaker as described in the Gaffney Ledger as follows: "Bury the croaker out in the woods, where the woodpecker pecks and the bumble bee hums, and the straddle bug straddles around. He is no good to the city push; too impractical stinky and dead; but he wants the whole earth and all of its crust, and the stars that shine over head. Then hustle him off to the bumble bee's roost, and bury him deep in the ground; he is no use here, get him out of the way and make room for the man that is sound."

Mr. Reid Owen got a fall from the piazza Saturday and hurt his shoulder pretty badly. He will be laid up several days. Mr. Butler Black, son of Mr. J. D. Black, of this place, has returned after having served an enlistment of three years in the U. S. army. He belonged to the coast artillery corps with headquarters at Fort Totten, N. Y., at which place he was mustered out February 1st. He took part in the maneuvers on the Mexican border last summer and has seen quite a lot of the country.

## Mr. L. G. Baile Dead.

Just as The Advertiser was going to press last night it was learned that Mr. L. G. Baile, Sr., had just died. This will be a source of great sorrow to numberless friends.

that such a plan will place an education along agricultural lines much nearer to the farmer boy than the present system, although it is not proposed to abolish Clemson College. The college, it is maintained, has a superabundance of money which does not meet the aims and ends of the founders, and does not give the agricultural education which some people think. Only a little less than three hundred students have received an agricultural degree there, yet the college has spent in the neighborhood of two million dollars since its foundation. Mr. Edwards proposes that these five colleges to be established are to receive only one half of the privilege tax, and which will meet to a much better degree the aims and ends of the founders of the college. The state will receive a further benefit on account of the fact that the cost will be defrayed as people in the proposed districts are willing to offer real estate and other inducements in order to establish the institutions. The revenue stated, increases each year, and will be a constantly broadening to the institutions.